



## Where Are All The Women?

**A**CCORDING TO THE U.S. Army Surgeon General, as of February 4, 2013 nearly 300,000 women have deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. One hundred fifty-two women have been killed in action and 946 women have been wounded in action. Today, only 85 female Purple Heart recipients are members of the order.

This is unacceptable. The nature of war and women's roles in war has changed and continues to evolve.

This means that as the population of combat-wounded veterans grows it is changing and evolving, and the order must grow, change and evolve as well. The membership of the order ought to reflect the population of Purple Heart recipients. When you are finished reading this issue, please try to give it to a combat-wounded woman or leave it with an organization like your local VA Medical Center or the Women Veterans of America. Learn how to email,

text, use Facebook, Twitter and blogs. Our newest young veterans live, work and communicate in a digital world. We must reach out to them on their terms. This issue is intended to be a start. There are 861 combat wounded-women waiting for us to recruit them. ✧

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